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Dr. Jose Luis Reissig  
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Dear Reissig:

My wife and I certainly do remember meeting you at PG, and are pleased to hear from you again.

I have passed on to the publisher your suggestion that they send a copy of *Microbial Genetics* to you for review. It will have to be up to them to act on your request.

Unfortunately, I no longer have any reprints of Ryan and Lederberg 1946, except perhaps for a defective copy. Have you consulted Ryan himself? I will shortly send you copies of the others, as available.

As to L-forms, whereas they are still an important question, we now are very doubtful of their connection with genetic transfer in *Salmonella*. I enclose an abstract of our recent work. It appears most likely now that the "FA" particles are actually phage particles, which carry over, so to speak, fragments of the genetic material from the cells which they have lysed to other cells in which they become lysogenic. The phage appears to act only as a vehicle, and is not itself to be considered as genetic material of the bacterium.

I am pleased to hear of your association with the biochemical institute of Fundacion Campomar. Leloir and his colleagues have made very impressive contributions, and he has long since expressed his interest in genetic approaches to biochemical problems.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg  
Associate Professor of Genetics